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May 27, 1932

Hon. Griffin Smith,
Marianna, Arkansas.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I will appreciate it greatly if you will write me frankly what the political situation is there relative to the Senatorial race. In order to map out a campaign, one requires all possible data.

I have to depend upon my friends to tell me what the real situation is, and if you can give me this information at once, it will be appreciated.

Thanking you in advance for the favor, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Hattie W Caraway
Hattie W. Caraway

C/m

June 1, 1938.

Senator Hattie W. Caraway,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Caraway:

Referring to your letter of May 27th, let me say that the political situation is in a nebulous state.

Vint Miles and Doctor Brough are making close campaigns, while our antiquated jurist-friend hangs around the lobby of the Marion Hotel and tells smutty jokes that he thinks are funny. It is an exclusive opinion.

I hear very little said, other than that Doctor Brough seems to be making considerable headway. Unless there is an expensive organization set up for you, I am frank to say that the chances of your success are negligible. I take it that what you want is a reflection of the conditions as I see them, and not as I would have them.

I have spent considerable time in Little Rock during the past two or three weeks, and think that I have gotten a cross-section of political opinion, if there is any such thing at the present time. Nobody is excited about anything except taxes, and in view of the pauperized condition of those who are victims of excessive assessments, the excitement doesn't amount to very much in a financial sense.

I will be tied up in Little Rock on occasional days in Futrell's headquarters for the next few weeks, but shall always have time to respond to any request from you.

Sincerely your friend,

GG:VV